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CHEROKEE, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO KING HUSSEIN.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

YOUR MAJESTY:

AS ONE OF AMERICA'S OLDEST FRIENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, I
KNOW THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION
IN OUR GOVERNMENT FROM ONE ADMINISTRATION TO THE NEXT.
YOUR MAJESTY'S STEADFASTNESS HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF STRENGTH
TO US AS WE HAVE PURSUED THE OBJECTIVE OF A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN RECENT YEARS.

AS I MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER
AND WITH MY SUCCESSOR WHEN HE IS NAMED OVER THE WEEKS
AHEAD, YOUR MAJESTY MAY BE CERTAIN THAT I WILL GIVE HIGH
PRIORITY TO INFORMING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE

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IMPORTANCE OF THE LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN

JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES. I WILL ALSO MAKE CERTAIN
THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE

DETAILS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN
RECENT YEARS AND OF MY VIEW THAT THE CONTINUATION OF
THESE EFFORTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE.

YOUR MAJESTY WILL, OF COURSE, APPRECIATE THAT I CANNOT
MAKE COMMITMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS A FACT THAT THE OBJECTIVE REALITIE
OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND OF OUR INTERESTS
THERE WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AS
THEY HAVE BEEN FOR OURS. I AM CERTAIN THAT YOUR MAJESTY,
WHO KNOWS OUR COUNTRY SO WELL, WILL GIVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY
TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER OVER THE
MONTHS AHEAD AS IT PREPARES ITSELF TO FACE THE TASK OF
MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN
YOUR AREA. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THIS OBJECTIVE
AND THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS PURSUIT
HAVE NOT BEEN PARTISAN ISSUES IN OUR COUNTRY AND HAVE
WIDE SUPPORT IN AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION.

FINALLY, YOUR MAJESTY, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THE MANY
HOURS I HAVE SPENT WITH YOU IN AMMAN AND AQABA DURING THE
PAST, OFTEN DIFFICULT THREE YEARS, ARE AMONG MY MOST
PLEASANT MEMORIES OF MY TENURE AS SECRETARY OF STATE.
OUR VISITS TOGETHER AND YOUR COUNSEL ON MANY OCCASIONS
MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRESS THAT HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED AND TO CREATING CONDITIONS FOR FURTHER
PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

END MESSAGE.

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